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MASTERS

Tiger Woods reacts to winning the 2005 Masters in a playoff with Chris DiMarco on the 18th hole during final round of play of the tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., on Sunday. See page 8 for more on the tournament.

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Only In America

Dog helps rescue woman from fake trooper

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - Authorities are looking for a man who posed as a highway patrol trooper and stopped a woman early Friday at a highway rest stop. The woman had pulled over at the Highway 385 rest area in western South Dakota to let her dog out, investigators said.

She told authorities that as she started to leave, a man pulled up in a car that resembled a highway patrol vehicle and told her he was working as a special officer and needed to see papers for her dog.

The woman said she sensed something wasn't right and tried to get away, but the man grabbed her. That's when her dog bit him, the woman said.

Fall River County Sheriff Jeff Tarrell said the woman was lucky to have had her dog along.

"At that time in the morning at a rest stop, who knows what his intentions are," said Tarrell. "Thank God for that dog."

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Quote of the Day

"Things are seldom what they seem, skim milk masquerades as cream."

- W. S. Gilbert



Weekday Weather

Monday



HIGH
80°
LOW
56°

Mostly Sunny

Tuesday



HIGH
78°
LOW
60°

PM Thunderstorms

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Possible changes in GSU health plan to come

By Jennifer Maddox

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Most public universities are still leaving the decision to the students, but it is becoming a trend for more colleges to require that students purchase the school's health insurance before enrolling.

According to the *Boston Globe*, surveys from insurers and schools indicate that anywhere from 10 to 30 percent of college students do not have insurance. Most of the ones that do are still covered under their parents' plans.

This trend was developed out of the goal of saving students from huge hospital bills they cannot afford. Some college officials across the country are finding that students are being forced to drop out when they are faced with enormous medical expenses.

As of now, Georgia Southern has a voluntary health care plan. While students are not required to purchase the school plans, it is strongly encouraged. Up until a couple of years ago, this plan was doing rather well. However, that was mainly because those buying the plan consisted mostly of foreign students who were

required to purchase health insurance before coming here.

According to Paul Ferguson, Director of Health Services, this changed about two years ago when the Board of Regents decided to make a separate plan for the students who were coming from abroad. As a result, the university is losing more out of its current insurance plan than it is gaining from it.

Ferguson also said the voluntary plan would be renewed for next year. However, for the 2006-2007 academic year, Health Services

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Potential plans for requiring health insurance

Option One: All students would be required to have the GSU health plan, regardless of if they have a health plan currently.

Option Two: All students are put on the GSU health plan, but can waive the plan if they are insured by their parents or have another plan already. If the student is not insured, then it would be mandatory for them to pay for the school's health plan.

Drug testing keep standards high

GSU student athletes are encouraged to stay drug-free



Former Major League player Mark McGwire (left) and current players Rafael Palmeiro (center) of the Baltimore Orioles and Curt Schilling (right) of the Boston Red Sox, testify in front of the Congressional hearing on steroid use.

By Bryan Metcalf

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In the wake of the recent Congressional hearings on steroid usage in Major League Baseball, there has been an outpouring of questions surrounding other sports.

With the raised concern on the steroid issue, some wonder about the use at the college level.

The NCAA policy is at the heart of Georgia Southern's prevention program. The NCAA sponsors two drug testing programs for college athletes - during championships and also randomly during the academic year. These programs were established to protect the health of student-athletes and to prevent the use of steroids and other substances to gain a competitive advantage. If an athlete tests positive, he or she is withheld from competition in all sports for at least one year and will lose one year of eligibility. A second offense results in the loss of all remaining eligibility as well as

a permanent ban from intercollegiate athletics.

All this has been effective in curtailing the use of performance-enhancing drugs. The NCAA conducts a survey every four years to examine the drug use habits of college athletes. The 1989 survey showed that 9.7 percent of NCAA Division I football players reported using anabolic steroids. Testing for steroids during the academic year began in 1990. Since then, the reported use has gone down from five percent in 1993, to three percent in the 2001 survey. Another survey was taken this year and results of that survey will be released this summer.

The NCAA also works with the UCLA Olympic Analytical Lab, one of the best in the country for sports drug testing. The UCLA lab identified and developed a testing protocol for the latest designer steroids, such as THG.

According to head baseball coach

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SACS visit complete

Compiled by staff

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) completed their reaccreditation visit on Thursday after being on the Georgia Southern campus for four days.

The team spent their time on campus interviewing groups of faculty and students while also taking a more in depth look at GSU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), the part of the process that looks at one issue that affects the university as a whole and draws up ways to improve it.

The subject of the QEP was student engagement.

According to GSU spokesperson Mike Sullivan, the group was very happy with their experience on campus.

"The on-site SACS team was overall very impressed with the campus," Sullivan said. "The team was impressed with the students and the level of engagement that already exists on our campus."

Sullivan said the process of reaccreditation is still going on, and the committee made no final decision.

"This is a continuous process. The final decision will come down in December," Sullivan said.



Andrew Medichini/AP Photo

Italian Cardinal Silvano Piovaneli, left, and Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn attend a commemorative Mass for Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Sunday. Cardinals, clergy from the Roman diocese and crowds of pilgrims packed St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday for one of a nine-day series of funeral Masses, known as the 'Novembiales', for the late Polish pontiff.

Cardinals begin preparing for conclave to choose new pope

By Niko Price

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Cardinals began "an intense period of silence and prayer" before their conclave to choose the next pope, saying Saturday they would stop speaking publicly to protect the strict secrecy surrounding the centuries-old tradition.

The throngs of pilgrims who attended John Paul II's funeral Friday flowed out of Rome, leaving mainly tourists in a quiet, rainy St. Peter's Square. The Vatican said a decision on calls to put John Paul on a fast track to sainthood would rest with the next pope.

Italian Cardinal Francesco Marchisano celebrated the second Mass for

John Paul in St. Peter's Basilica, a daily rite over nine days that began with the funeral Mass. His homily praised "this infinite humanity" that he called the late pope's hallmark.

The Vatican also released photographs of the pope's tomb, a white marble slab, slightly raised off the floor and tilted, with the Latin letters IOANNES PAULUS PP II, and the dates of his 26-year reign. It also bears the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek, a common symbol with roots in early Christianity.

The grave is in the small grotto once occupied by the sarcophagus of Pope John XXIII, which was moved into the main floor of St. Peter's Basilica after his 2000 beatification because so many

pilgrims wanted to visit his tomb.

The unanimous vote Saturday by 130 cardinals to maintain public silence about John Paul's successor was unprecedented. But in an era of continuous news updates and constant speculation, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls called the media ban an "act of responsibility."

He asked journalists not to ask the cardinals for interviews and said they should not take the prelates' silence as an act of "discourtesy."

"The cardinals, after the funeral Mass of the Holy Father, began a more intense period of silence and prayer, in view of the conclave," Navarro-Valls said. "They unanimously decided to

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GSU professor receives regional teaching award

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern mathematics professor David Stone recently received the Teaching Award for the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

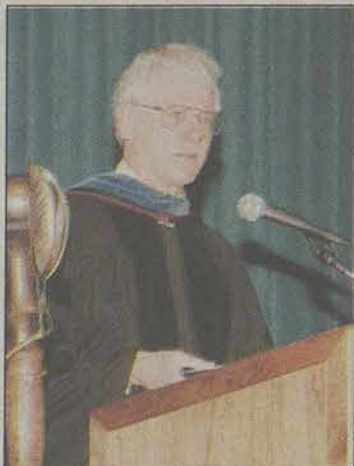
The award was presented at the section meeting at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. The section is comprised of mathematics faculty at colleges and universities in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"For the past 36 years, Dr. Stone has set a standard that few can match," said Sue Goodman, the 2003 recipient of the award from the University of North Carolina and a member of the selection committee. "His remarkable contributions to the teaching

profession, public school systems and the professional community are extensive."

At GSU, Stone has been recognized for his excellence in teaching with the Professor of the Year Award in 2001 and the Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction in 1988. He teaches a broad array of courses from college algebra to the history of mathematics.

Stone has worked with local schools, coaching math teams for tournaments, and has served in numerous professional associations, including the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Georgia Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.



Special Photo

GSU Professor David Stone recently received the Teaching Award for the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Georgia Southern receives award for charitable giving

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern received the Governor's Award for the largest increase in giving by a state college or university to the 2004-2005 State Charitable Contributions Program (SCCP).

The SCCP was conducted last fall and provided state employees the opportunity to support a wide variety of charitable organizations through

payroll deductions.

The GSU campaign was chaired by Cindi Chance, dean of the College of Education, and Jack Heidler, director of human resources.

"This is the first time that Georgia Southern has achieved this honor, and it speaks well for all our faculty and staff regarding their high sensitivity to the humanitarian needs of both

the Statesboro and Bulloch County area," said Heidler. "We were pleased to accept the award on behalf of all the contributors at Georgia Southern University."

Assistant director of human resources Ken Manwaring accepted the award from Gov. Sonny Perdue at a special luncheon in Atlanta on Tuesday, April 5.

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POLICE BEAT

04-01-2005

• A robbery and battery was reported near the Recreation Activity Center. At approximately 2 a.m., Bulloch County 911 reported a white male had been assaulted and robbed. The victim reported three black males jumped on him and took \$60 from his wallet. The victim, who suffered facial lacerations during the incident, was unable to give a further description of the suspects. The incident is being investigated by the University Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division.

04-02-2005

• A case of harassment was reported at the Southern Pines residence hall.

04-03-2005

• Michael Charles Furedy, 21, of Pinyon Pine Circle, Athens, Ga., was charged with public intoxication and public indecency.

• Brandon Jarred Mitchell, 19, of River Pointe Drive, LaGrange, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass.

• A case of simple assault was reported at the Southern Courtyard residence hall.

• A Sanford Hall resident reported \$200 missing.

04-04-05

• Jerry Smith, 33, Packinghouse Road, Statesboro, was charged with attempt to commit theft.

• Steve Wilson, 18, of Kennedy

Hall, was charged with underage drinking, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.

• A domestic dispute was reported at the Southern Pines residence hall.

• A license plate was taken from a vehicle in the Sanford Hall parking lot.

04-05-05

• Joeroda Morgan Brown, 19, of Watson Hall, was charged with two counts of forgery.

• Brian Robert Heikkila, 21, of Watson Hall, was charged with entering an auto.

• Jamison Blake Ledbetter, 18, of the Garden District Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, criminal trespass and possession of a false I.D.

• Grant Lawrence Richmann, 20, of Watson Hall, was charged with entering an auto and underage drinking.

• Clinton Lee Washington, 54, of Cotton Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• A cell phone was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.

04-06-05

• Parker Barrow Crow, 19, of Brannen Hall, was charged with DUI.

• Andre Terrell Weaver, 19, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with forgery.

• A digital camera was taken from the Russell Union.

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avoid interviews and encounters with the media."

At least two cardinals later turned down requests for interviews.

The lack of access to the cardinals was unlikely to stem the speculation about John Paul's successor, with worldwide interest peaking in what could be a tight competition between reformers and conservatives.

Navarro-Valls said 115 prelates will participate in the conclave, which will begin April 18—all the cardinals under the age of 80 except for Cardinal Jaime L. Sin of the Philippines and Cardinal Alfonso Antonio Suarez Rivera of Mexico, who are too sick to attend.

John Paul took the name of an additional cardinal—kept secret apparently to protect him from a government that represses religious activity—to the grave.

Cardinal Karl Lehmann was quoted by the German newspaper *Allgemeine Zeitung* as saying race and background will play a role in the choice of the next pope, but there were no clear favorites and "probably also no firm alliances."

"One must be moved through voting, contacts and discussion to a consensus," he was quoted as saying.

John Paul was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. Some cardinals have called for a Latin American pope to reflect the huge number of Catholics in the region. Others have said the papacy should return to an Italian, while there are contenders from elsewhere in Europe, as well as from Nigeria and India.

St. Peter's Square, which was packed during the funeral by 250,000 pilgrims and dignitaries from 138 countries, was quiet a day later under a steady rain. Cafes and souvenir shops along nearby Via della Conciliazione reopened, finally freed of the crush of pilgrims.

"I can't talk to you," said a man hawking religious trinkets, key chains and figurines. "After 10 days without work, every second counts."

The exodus of pilgrims was wrapping up Saturday as visitors carrying backpacks, folded flags and rolled-up sleeping bags headed for train stations and parking lots on the outskirts of the city. Few stayed around to see the sights.

"We have come here only to pray," said Ula Maciejowska, 33, who was heading home to Oswiecim, Poland. "We will come another time to shop."

Rome's Mayor, Walter Veltroni, said Rome's population of 2.6 million doubled over the past week, giving a lower figure than earlier police estimates of 4 million visitors. He said 1.3 million people filed past John Paul's body.

Remarkably, the mayor said not a single incident of purse-snatching or theft was reported from Vatican City, the diminutive state that in 2002 was reported to have the highest crime rate in the world, mostly incidents such as pickpocketing.

He said Rome's main train station and the square at Tor Vergata University, where John Paul held a huge Youth Jubilee in 2000, will be renamed after the late pope.

The Vatican post office said special "vacant see" stamps, valid only until a new pope is named, will go on sale Tuesday. Collectors were expected to snap up the 700,000 stamps, which will be sold at the post offices around St. Peter's Square.

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Only in America

'98 Degrees' member to run for mayor

CINCINNATI — Justin Jeffre, a former member of 98 Degrees, wants to be Cincinnati's next mayor, saying his love for his hometown and desire to make it better motivated his decision to run.

"I am serious about this, and I intend to win," Jeffre, 32, said last week.

Jeffre said he wants to bring people from all over the city together through Cincinnati's arts and entertainment venues and build a strong downtown.

He also wants VH1 to follow his campaign for a reality series. VH1 officials have said no decision has been made on his proposal.

Jeffre doesn't have a political affiliation and plans to run as an independent, his spokeswoman, Andrea Leslie, said.

Hundreds attempt pillowfighting record

URBANA — Pillows were flying every which way in the Land of Lincoln on Sunday.

Students in the Pillowfighting Club at the University of Illinois organized an attempt to break the world record for largest pillow fight.

More than 1,200 people showed up at a soccer field in Urbana to fling pillows at each other. But despite some

colorful costumes, the effort fell short. Well short.

The world record set in Dodgeville, Wisconsin is safe for now. On September 4, 2004, 2,773 people established the mark.

As an added note: Yes, the Pillowfighting Club is a registered student organization at the university.

Deliveryman stuck in elevator 80 hours

NEW YORK — Ming Kuang Chen was written off after vanishing Friday night while making a delivery for Happy Dragon restaurant at a high-rise apartment building.

But more than three days later, the deliveryman emerged with a mean thirst and a tale of survival: He had been stuck by himself in an elevator the whole time, without food or water.

On Tuesday, authorities — who conducted a door-to-door canvass of the apartment complex over the weekend looking for Chen — were questioning why police officers and the building's private security force found no sign of Chen, who claimed he had repeatedly cried out and pushed an alarm button in the elevator.

Even maintenance workers who were called to check out the disabled elevator on Monday missed Chen, police said.

Teen committed for 'vampire behavior'

BROWNSVILLE — A Brownsville, Texas mother said she had to have her son committed after he practiced vampire behavior.

The mother said her son is involved in a teenage "vampire cult" that was planning to kill and

bathe in their victim's blood.

The 16-year old boy told Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) about his involvement with a group of local students who drink each other's blood and said they were plotting to sacrifice a victim.

The boy's mother said her son told her he and his girlfriend would cut themselves in the teachers' parking lot of school and taste each other's blood.

The boy's mother said her son is receiving treatment at the San Antonio State Hospital. She said he was "doing better" and taking antidepressants.

Post-It celebrates 25 years

JACKSONVILLE — For many people, their days are filled with little yellow squares scribbled with reminders. That's because today, 25 years ago, the post-it note made its public debut.

On April 6th, 1980, 3M launched the sale of Post-It Notes nationwide. Their development, however, started years before that, in the early 70's.

Art Fry, a 3M employee, was looking for a way to leave markers in his church hymnal without damaging the book. A colleague had invented a new adhesive that could be repositioned several times without leaving residue behind.

So Fry put the new glue on a small sheet of paper, and the first Post-It Note prototype was born.

Today, Post-It Notes come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

National News Briefs

With Rudolph plea, some wonder if he'll tell who aided him

MURPHY, N.C. — Kenny Jane Wade understands the anti-government sentiment that may have fueled some mountain residents to help feed and shelter serial bomber Eric Rudolph during his years on the lam.

Wade, who owns a cabin near where some of Rudolph's stash of explosives was found this week as he cut a plea deal to spare his life, said the mistrust goes back to the days of the so-called revenue — federal agents who arrested people for making liquor during the 1920s, and later for not paying alcohol taxes after Prohibition was repealed.

Investigators suspect sympathizers may have assisted Rudolph during the five years police searched for him in the western North Carolina mountains before capturing him in May 2003. It was not clear if Rudolph would name anyone who helped him elude capture.

Some in Murphy wonder if there will be additional prosecutions now that Rudolph is talking to authorities as part of his decision to plead guilty to the 1996 Olympics bombing in Atlanta and three other blasts. Two people were killed and more than 120 injured in the explosions.

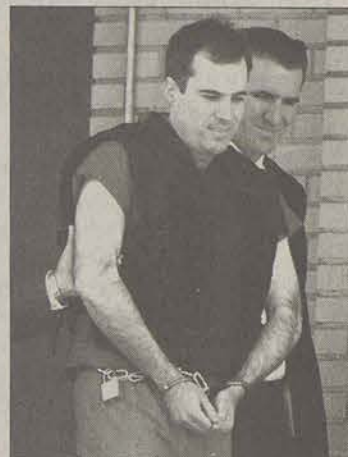
Rudolph, believed to be a follower of a white supremacist religion that is anti-abortion, anti-gay and anti-Semitic, was charged with carrying out bombings in Georgia and Alabama over three years ending in 1998.

The former soldier and survivalist evaded capture for more than five years, hunkering down in the woods of North Carolina and living off the land as federal agents carried out a massive manhunt. He was caught after being seen scavenging for food near a grocery store trash bin in Murphy.

He is scheduled to plead guilty Wednesday. The plea deal calls for four consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole.

As part of the deal, Rudolph provided authorities with the location of more than 250 pounds of dynamite he stashed in the woods while he was hiding out.

Whether he will give up the names of people who may have helped him as a fugitive is an open question, police said.



Associated Press
Serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph is led to a police car after a hearing at a federal courthouse Tuesday in Huntsville, Alabama.

Seven students hospitalized after riot

LUCEDALE, Miss. — Six students were arrested and seven were hospitalized after a riot broke out at Eagle Point Christian Academy in Lucedale.

The riot started late Friday when cadets — apparently upset because of a rumor that the school was going to be investigated by the state — shattered windows, overturned bunks and broke chairs, said George County Sheriff Garry Welford.

"They were destroying the place," Welford said. "They wanted to make it look as bad as they could. And they did."

Six cadets who were uncooperative with law enforcement were charged with disorderly conduct and were taken to Forrest County Juvenile Detention Center, authorities said.

Seven were taken to a hospital for treatment, and six were treated and released. The condition of the cadet who remained hospitalized was unavailable Sunday.

No other details were available because juveniles were involved.

The school was formerly known as Bethel Boys Academy.

Gowdy Field to celebrate 80th year

FORT BENNING — A field of dreams is coming to Fort Benning, but instead of luring the ghosts of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson and the 1919 Chicago White Sox, soldiers will have to settle for Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr.

The folks at Fort Benning won the award through the "Win a Dream Field" contest held by Wisk laundry detergent. They bought 6,436 bottles of the detergent at the post commissary and sent the proofs of purchase to the contest organizers.

Their prize is a visit from Ripken

and a \$10,000 renovation at historic Gowdy Field, which held its inaugural game between the New York Giants and Washington Senators in 1925.

Ripken will throw out the first pitch when the ballpark is reopened for games April 29.

The renovations at Gowdy, which hosts about 100 baseball and softball games each year, will include padding by the dugouts and new sod.

Santorum advises DeLay to respond to ethics questions

WASHINGTON — The number three Republican in the Senate said Sunday that embattled House Majority Leader Tom DeLay needs to answer questions about his ethics and "let the people then judge for themselves."

Sen. Rick Santorum's comments seem to reflect the nervousness among congressional Republicans about the fallout from the increased scrutiny into DeLay's way of doing business.

One of DeLay's GOP colleagues in the House called him an "absolute embarrassment" and doubted DeLay would last as majority leader.

DeLay, R-Texas, has been dogged in recent months by reports of possible ethics violations. There have been questions about his overseas travel, campaign payments to family members and his connections to lobbyists who are under investigation.

"I think he has to come forward and lay out what he did and why he did it and let the people then judge

for themselves," said Santorum, chairman of the Senate Republican Conference.

DeLay's spokesman, Dan Allen, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the congressman "looks forward

to the opportunity of sitting down with the ethics committee chairman and ranking member to get the facts out and to dispel the fiction and innuendo that's being launched at him by House Democrats and their liberal allies."

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OUR OPINION

Required health insurance could improve students' lives

Mandatory health insurance for students could be a great improvement upon current health care protocol for students. But the implications of instituting one at Georgia Southern are many. And, at least until school officials hammer out more details, the certainties are few.

Undoubtedly, the best route in this proposal would only require students who are not already covered by their parents or their own plan to purchase a university plan.

On the upside, requiring students without coverage to purchase a special university health care plan would improve the overall health of the student body. We are all guilty of trying to avoid spending hours at the Health Center by riding out contagious illnesses like bronchitis and strep throat for as long as possible, passing it along to our classmates and professors along the way.

But, speaking of the Health Center, what would happen to it and the nearly 40 people employed there? If all students had sure access to more public doctors, would any continue taking advantage of the health care provided by GSU Health Services? Some of the doctors, nurses and clerks at Health Services have dedicated many years to making the Health Center more than just an alternative for students.

On the other hand, alternatives might be nice. And, right now, too few people have those – not just on campuses but across the nation. Familiarizing students with health insurance before they hit the real world and emphasizing it as a priority in life could improve the overall status of health care in the nation, and maybe even make the market more competitive, leading to more affordable health insurance for people of all ages.

Affordable is important, so the cost of these plans should be carefully developed or they will become a liability to the institution. Would including them as a requirement for admission make them an expense coverable by financial aid? Could student loan amounts be adjusted and expanded to account for this new required expense? If not, the expense could discourage thousands of poor but otherwise qualified students from applying to GSU each year, harming enrollment and bringing in less revenue for the university and the state.

What do these plans cost, anyway? Fortunately, it doesn't seem as though they're expensive enough to drive students away. The plans – which are drawn up through "The MEGA Life and Health Insurance Company" – run \$765 for an annual deal. When split up, it costs from \$272 to \$293. Summer insurance, of course, costs less.

That sounds like a lot to us Ramen-slurping students. But, since it is not uncommon to pay far more than that for car insurance, it is unlikely such a small increase would drive away too many students. Especially if parents and students consider the new fee an investment. Just one visit to a general practitioner can cost an uninsured individual hundreds of dollars, and a single emergency room can cost thousands.

No matter what the future holds for health insurance at GSU, it won't be right unless the new policy is framed with the wellbeing of the students – not the padding of pockets – in mind.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Uppity Negro' presentation disappoints professor

This letter is meant in the spirit of African-American intellectual debate such as those that were argued by Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois. This letter's intent is not to discount any individual's efforts to engage African-Americans and whites in honest and civil dialogue about race in the United States. However, it is to antisepitize an untreated open sore that was left to fester and may infect the minds of students at our university.

In 1903, W.E.B. DuBois wrote in his classic, *The Souls of Black Folks*, "The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line." Dr. DuBois, the first black Harvard graduate was certainly accurate in his assessment of future issues of race.

Last week, while walking through the Carroll Building where my office is housed, I saw a campus flier that startled me. The flier in big and bold letters inquired if I was an "Uppity Negro." Subsequently, I was invited to the campus forum entitled "Are You an Uppity Negro?" I entered into the Russell Union incognito wearing my Kappa Alpha Psi sun visor, blue jeans, and an Indiana University t-shirt. I have a youthful appearance so I blended in with the students. I did this because sometimes when speakers come to college settings where they expect only college students, some tend to push the envelope with radical rhetoric because they have impressionable minds in the audience. I did not want the speaker to know that a faculty member was critiquing the content presentation because she may have toned down the content of the speech.

I took a seat at the back of the auditorium when I saw an attractive and rather youthful looking 34-year-old African-American woman on stage who spoke about what it meant to be an "Uppity Negro." I only refer to her age because she made it a focal point during the presentation. I waited and waited for a logical explanation why she chose to name her operation "Uppity Negro." Instead, I got a story about her childhood and her unemployment travails. Needless to say, I was thoroughly disappointed with the presentation.

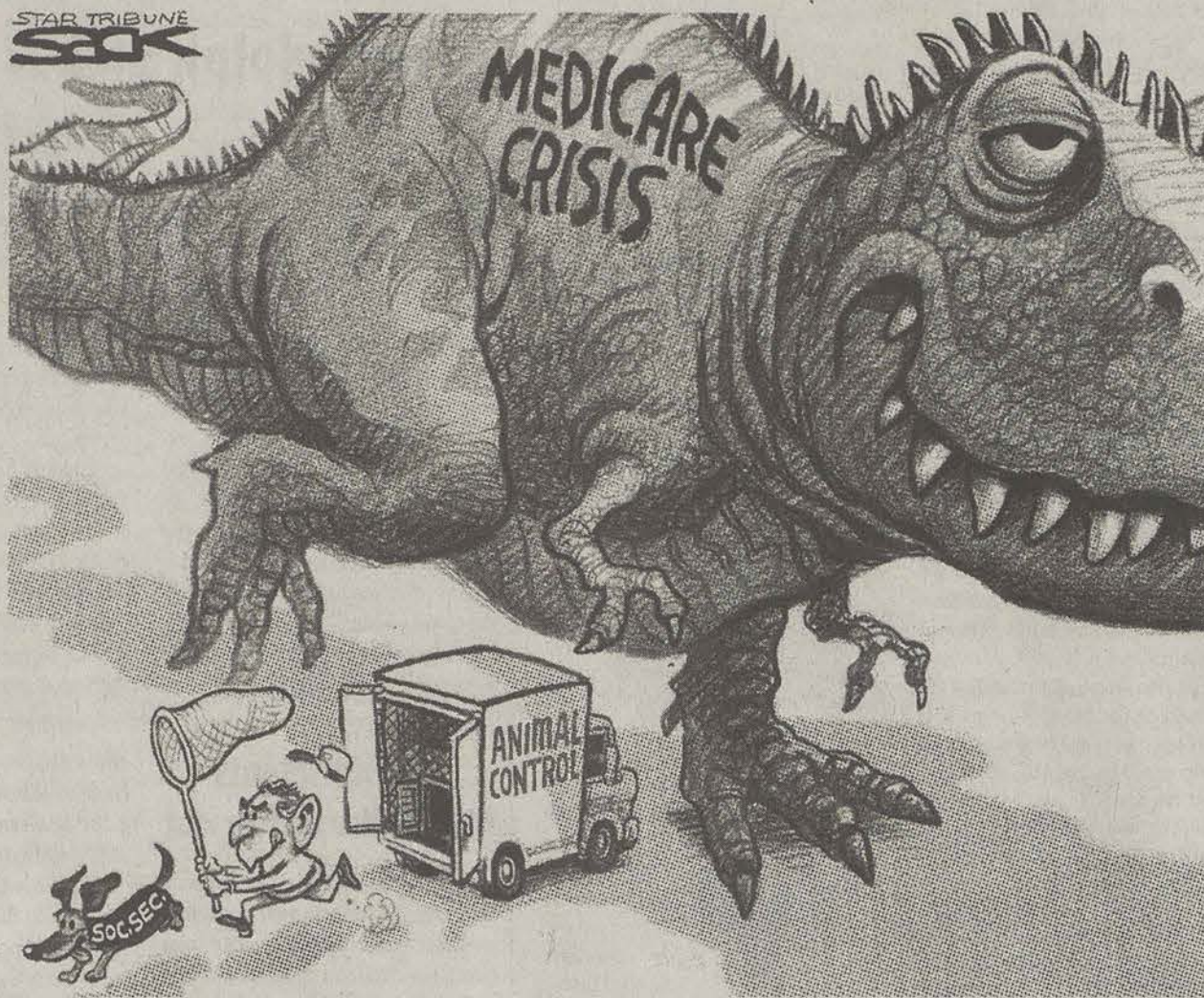
Dr. DuBois wrote, "The function of a university is not to simply teach breadwinning or to be the center of polite society; it is above all to be the organ of fine adjustment

between real life and growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret civilization." The academy is one of the most fitting places where the commodity of ideas and intellect should be exchanged. It is our duty and honor as professors and intellectuals to challenge our students to search for viable solutions to problems and to think critically about any information presented to them. I applaud the university for allowing this woman and the sponsoring students to exercise their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. However, I found the dissertation presented in this forum problematic for several reasons and I will succinctly discuss a few of my criticisms in this editorial piece.

First, I found the presentation to be poor. It was laced with a host of inaccurate information and fallacies. The presenter implied that slavery as an institution began with the first Africans brought to America in 1443. Indeed black servants traveled with Balboa, Ponce De Leon, and Cortez during this time period. A more accurate statement would indicate that the first twenty black indentured servants arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, which in 1619. The institution of slavery was not officially recognized until 1641 in Massachusetts, which was followed by Connecticut in 1650, Virginia in 1661, Maryland in 1663, New York and New Jersey, 1664, South Carolina in 1682, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania in 1700, North Carolina in 1715 and in Georgia in 1750.

She used Black History facts, but took these facts out of context. The presenter appeared a bit defensive during the question and answer session of the presentation. I wished more time would have been allotted for her to facilitate student questions, especially students from my African-American Politics and Civil Rights Movement classes, who I assumed would have challenged her and pointed out the factual errors in her presentation. Also, the presenter listed in her literature a host of great African-American figures, which she has classified as "upity negroes," some listed are Frederick Douglas, Nat Turner, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, James Baldwin, Marcus Garvey, Ralph Bunche, Ida B. Wells, and Mary McLeod Bethune. She also seemed to include herself in the category of these greats. This notion is

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Balancing work and life

By Rosabeth Moss Kanter
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Have you heard the one about the American businessman and the Mexican fisherman?

A business executive with an MBA was on vacation in a coastal village in Mexico. Seeking a boat and captain to take him fishing, he was referred to a local fisherman, who could be found every evening at an outdoor cafe with his friends. They made a deal.

Starting early the next morning, they found an abundant catch. By noon, the American was still reeling them in, but the fisherman put away his rod, explaining that he'd caught enough fish to feed his family.

The businessman decided to use his MBA smarts to help the poor fisherman. "If you caught more fish," the American told the fisherman, "you could sell the surplus at a profit."

"What would that mean?" the fisherman wondered.

The businessman replied, "You could invest your profits in a second boat, and you could hire someone to catch more fish."

The fisherman looked interested.

The executive continued, "Your second boat would help you finance a whole fleet of boats. You could move to Mexico City and head a big company. You would get wealthy."

The fisherman liked the idea of getting rich. He asked, "What would happen then?"

"That's the best part," the business executive answered. "You could retire, get a house by the ocean, fish as much as you want and go to a cafe at night." Ding!

This joke was told to me by a retired investment banker who traded 70-hour Wall Street workweeks for a sailboat and seaside home. Clearly, work-life balance is not just a women's issue. But a balanced life is elusive for too many working Americans.

Harvard law professor and bankruptcy expert Elizabeth Warren says that middle-class families increasingly pinched by high costs of housing and health insurance must spend more time at work.

Dependent on two incomes, sometimes from more than two jobs, they can't afford to cut work hours or get sick.

The irony is that long hours bring stress that can cause more serious illnesses. U.S. and Japanese workers who work more than 50 hours a week have been found to have much higher rates of hypertension. Long commute times compound the work hours problem, as do anxieties about job security in companies with recent layoffs. Workplace stress from any source is associated with higher blood pressure, even while sleeping.

The answer is not to limit work hours. France abandoned its mandatory 35-hour workweek after five years (despite strikes and demonstrations by an estimated million people). The solution lies in greater flexibility.

Younger workers demand flexibility. The New York-based Families and Work Institute in New York reports that about 37 percent of those between 40 and 59 report being chronically overworked, compared to under 30 percent of those under 40. Younger workers are more likely to protect their lives outside of work. This group includes highly educated women who are leaving the paid work force in a brain drain of massive proportions.

At companies that offer flexible arrangements, just 26 percent of employees report being chronically overworked, compared with 56 percent at companies without flexibility, the FWI study shows.

At Semco in Brazil, a fast-growth company with more than \$160 million in sales that wants to be an international model, employees set their own work hours, bring children to their offices and come and go as they please. CEO Ricardo Semler calls this the "seven-day weekend."

Deloitte & Touche, the accounting and consulting firm, has been honored for policies promoting work-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Saturday's Pajama Jam police patrol put young women in danger unnecessarily

This past Saturday "Pajama Jam 2005" was held at Legends.

The Pajama Jam is usually attended by a majority of black people, although all races are welcome.

I chose to skip the event for my own personal reasons, but after leaving dinner on Saturday night with two of my friends, we decided to ride by Legends.

To our surprise, when we approached the road that leads to Legends, there were police cars prohibiting anyone from entering that entrance to the road. We decided to drive

around to the other side, simply to see if they had barricaded off the other end of the road as well.

Not only were there police cars on the other end blocking off traffic, but we noticed that several parking lots were roped off.

Remember, this was a pajama party, which meant girls were walking to the club... at night... in lingerie. My questions to anyone who had involvement in limiting access to Legends Saturday night are; A) Did you want women to be forced to walk long distances at night, which is an open invitation for sexual

predators, and B) What was your reasoning?

I suppose it's just pure coincidence that anytime there is a large gathering of black people, the event is either shut down or heavily monitored. Yet, when I drive by Retrievers, Dingus, and the like, and people are outside being loud and drunk people are jaywalking, the police are hardly anywhere to be found. That's a problem.

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utter foolishness and I dismiss this statement as such. The aforementioned is just as ludicrous as Michael Jackson comparing his present legal troubles to the injustices faced by Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr.

Second, the presenter used only one lens of leadership when examining the problems of race and racism in the United States. It is naive to believe that racism and prejudice no longer exist in our society, and these injustices should be challenge as all injustices should in a civil society. A push for black empowerment is certainly a laudable goal and should be pursued by all means, but everyone can not be at the forefront of a movement. For every Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph Abernathy, and Malcolm X, there many unsung heroes, men and women of all races, that were never seen but whose work was just as if not more important that these front men. A few of these unsung heroes were Bayard Rustin, Fred Gray, Vernon Johns, Robert

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contact with a white person. In a subsequent discussion with one of my colleagues about this presentation, she informed that this may not be such an absurd idea depending on where you live. I still find this hard to believe.

The presenter called for students "to do just enough to make white folks feel uncomfortable." Clearly, the presenter was calling students to "get in trouble but not to get in trouble." Students at Georgia Southern should not engage in these passive-aggressive forms of resistance through actions such as wearing the "Uppity Negro" t-shirts because it was clear that the presenter was on campus not for the greater good of African-Americans, but merely here to pimp her merchandise. Certainly, her approach will be proved ineffective. She is advocating unnecessary militant tactics to fight lightweight battles which can result in students losing their means of income and other amenities. She also offered no effective alternatives, if students chose not to use the ones that she was suggesting. Her argument lacked depth and was not rooted in any body of literature. A college students' intent from their initial matriculation into this institution or any institution of higher learning is to expand the intellect while preparing for future leadership, but leadership is more than being a person in the limelight. Leadership is certainly more than inciting riots based on shallow and hollow emotional arguments coupled with half thought-out processes and ill-reasoned actions without examining alternative processes and consequences. Students are enrolled at Georgia Southern University to get an education first.

Third, the name of the group is problematic for several reasons. I understand the philosophy and strategy the presenter is attempting to use as she peddles her merchandise. She wants to take away the power of a word that has been used to degrade African-Americans and make it a positive word. Eventually, the word or words will no longer be negative. This strategy was used by the pioneering gangster rap group "NWA or Niggers With Attitudes" and is also found in Randall Kennedy's book entitled "Nigger," but there is a fallacy in this argument. The meaning of words can change over time. However, it does not matter how you attempt to change a word over time, it still has a history. Here, I reiterate what I believe to be the presenter's intent by using verbage that has historically carried a negative connotation. She believes that the power of the word will eventually subside. If that is the case, why not "Black Bastards, Black Bitches, Pick-a-Ninnies, Tar Babies, or Jig-a-Boos," which have all been used to degrade blacks in the American history?

The presenter's literature defines an "Uppity Negro" as a "fair and just person, historically a black person that has been reprimanded or persecuted for voicing his/her dissatisfaction with or rejection of the sub-standard treatment of himself or other blacks," and other similar statements. More than likely the term "Uppity Negro" was not even used against slaves as the presenter stated. I feel safe in saying that the term "negro" was probably not used during slavery. More than likely slave owners used the term "nigger." The term "uppity negro" was probably created during the time just after the end of Reconstruction when Jim Crow laws ruled the day. Moreover, the term was used by blacks against blacks who were members of the upper-middle class. The upper middle class usually were those with fair complexions and discriminated against darker skinned blacks and therefore began to be called "uppity negroes" because they could not identify with their brothers and sisters of a darker complexion.

These are the same individuals who had a nostalgic view of segregation because they benefited from the exploitation of blacks and needed a darker skinned lower class to gain self worth. As evidential support, I challenge the presenter to research the "paper bag test," "color tax parties," and the "comb test." All of these were impediments used by what could be termed "uppity negroes" to discriminate against blacks of a darker hue. Also, she should examine the Bon Ton Society of Washington D.C., the Blue Vein Society in Nashville, Tennessee and the cliquish social circles and bias admissions policies used by many private historically black colleges and universities in their early days. The information that was presented only provided overgeneralizations without much substance. Many of the students who have taken Africana Studies courses at Georgia Southern are more knowledgeable about Black History than the presenter. With that said, I was terribly disappointed at the number of students who did not question her and who blindly accepted the information as it was presented. This was a blatant misuse of African-American history and Black feminist thought. Simply put, there was a whole lot of "miseducation" going on.

As a Montgomery, Alabama native, which is arguably the birth place of the Civil Rights Movement, and an educated man who holds a Bachelor's Degree, three Masters Degrees and a Ph.D., I cannot in good conscience advocate the "miseducation" that was provoked at this forum. A majority of our African-American students are socially conscious of many of the issues facing African-Americans. I wish the forum would have addressed important issues and the myriad of problems facing the African-American community, such as the rising rate of AIDS/HIV, the correlation between lack of exposure and access to poor test scores on standardized tests, black-on-black crime, high black unemployment rates, racial profiling, housing segregation, criminal justice system bias and the repealing of affirmative action laws to name a few. The presenter's poor examination of black history facts and misguided presentation is a clear-cut case of why there is a continued need for an intellectual dialogue on race between African-Americans and whites in the United States.

Gratez, Clifford Durr, Virginia Durr, Fred Shuttlesworth, and Claudette Colvin were all instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement. However, because they worked behind the scenes they are not mentioned in discussion about civil rights heroes.

The presenter spoke of her childhood in a small town near Savannah where blacks have continued to portray the happy go-lucky "Sambo, Steppin Fetchit, and Mammy" characters even into the late 1970s and 1980s. Quite frankly, I do not know any African-Americans that fall into her age range or below who would willingly bow down to injustices while skinning and grinning and not daring to make eye

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work-life balance, such as part-time work, flexible hours and travel limited to no more than three nights a week away from home. But Deloitte's women are more likely than men to opt for flexible schedules.

And here's a disturbing finding. More than a third of the workers FWI surveyed are not taking their full allotment of vacation time.

I worry that more-balanced work lives will take hold only when men want them, too. So here's my recommendation. The next time a business convention needs a speaker, it should get a Mexican fisherman.

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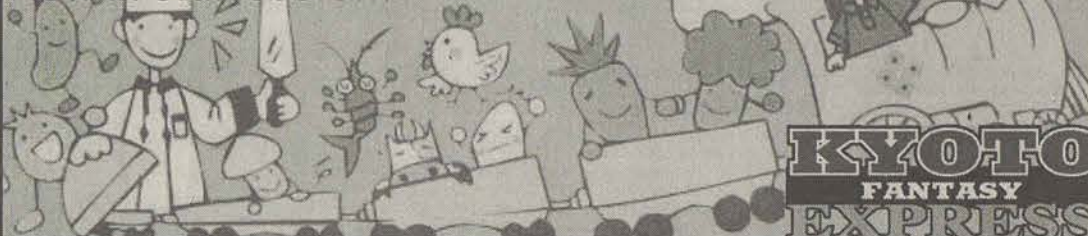
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Women's tennis routs Western Carolina 7-0

By Kevin Grego

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The Georgia Southern women's tennis team split two matches this past weekend at Hanner Courts, losing to Furman 7-0 on Saturday, and beating Western Carolina 7-0. The win Sunday snapped a two match losing streak, bringing the Lady Eagles overall record to (8-11), (4-4) in conference play.

Saturday

Against Furman on Saturday, GSU lost all six singles matches as well as all three doubles matches. In the first doubles match, Furman's No. 57 pairing of Mary Neill Hagood and Caroline Bentley beat the Eagles' Ciara Finucane and Szilvia Zsakay 8-4. After taking the next two doubles matches, Furman went on take the lead for good, winning four straight singles matches. GSU's Stephanie Tyrell and Charlotte Bruneteaux saw their two single match winning streak come to end, losing both matches and bringing the final score to 7-0 in favor of Furman.

Sunday

The Lady Eagles looked to rebound from Saturday's loss to Furman, and did so by beating Western Carolina 7-0, winning all doubles and singles matches. Ciara Finucane and Szilvia Zsakay easily took the first doubles match, beating Tricia Hanson and



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF
GSU sophomore Stephanie Tyrell returns the ball during Saturday's match.

Katherine Ptak 8-2. Picking up wins for GSU in the other doubles matches were Stephanie Tyrell and Kim Wollet, as well as Charlotte Bruneteaux and Heather Reynolds. From there, GSU would take complete control of the match, winning all singles matches. Picking up wins for the Lady Eagles were Wollet, Zsakay, Bruneteaux, Tyrell, Reynolds, and Finucane.

GSU's next match will be Tuesday, April 12 at College of Charleston, and they will return to Statesboro with a match against Wofford on April 14.

Softball falls to Chattanooga Mocs in weekend series

GSU Athletic Media Relations

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -- After splitting a pair of games with Chattanooga on Saturday, the Georgia Southern softball team was unable to take the series, falling 5-3 Sunday afternoon at Frost Stadium.

The Eagles (18-24, 5-4 SoCon) started off the inning three up, three down as the Mocs (34-15, 9-3 SoCon) prepared for their first at bat in the final game of the series. With Logan Free on the mound, the Eagle defense also saw the Mocs three up, three down.

With one out in the second, Maria Laurato singled to right field. With two outs, Gina Sterchi hit a home run, her first of the season, deep to centerfield bringing in Laurato and putting the Eagles ahead 2-0.

In the bottom of the second, Chattanooga was able to fight back, tying the score at 2-2. After Ashleigh Bull led the frame off with a walk, she moved up on a ground out. Brittney Whittier then singled to score Bull. Two batters later, Whittier was able to come home on a Sterchi throwing error.

The Mocs then broke the game open in the fourth, plating three runs off Free. With the bases loaded and just one out, they were just as

quickly cleared as each runner made it home as play at second went awry for the Eagles.

GSU had the chance to jump back in the fifth after a pair of singles and a fielder's choice loaded the bases with two outs. However, Aurora Johnson struck out to end the rally.

Heather Smith led off the sixth inning with a solo home run, her second round-tripper of the season, but that was as close as the Eagles would get, as the Mocs held GSU at bay.

Sterchi led the Eagle bats on the day, going 2-for-3 from the plate with a pair of RBIs.

Free (8-8) took the defeat for GSU, allowing all five runs off three hits before exiting the game in the fourth. A.J. Street completed the game, striking out five and not allowing a hit in 2.2 innings.

Lacey Swarthout (21-8) struck out 10 in taking a complete-game win for Chattanooga.

The Eagles will have just one day off before facing Florida A&M for a Tuesday doubleheader in Tallahassee, Fla., first pitch slated for 4 p.m. Chattanooga will travel for a doubleheader at Samford on Wednesday in Birmingham.

Baseball loses in ninth inning

GSU Athletic Media Relations

GREENSBORO, NC - With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, UNC Greensboro rallied from a 3-1 deficit, scoring three runs to defeat Georgia Southern 4-3 Sunday afternoon. The Eagles (21-10 overall, 9-2 Southern Conference) lost for the third time in the last four games.

Josh Lairsey cruised until the bottom of the eighth when he lost the shutout bid, giving up a solo home run to Justin Crist with two outs. Lairsey, hanging onto a 3-1 lead, hit Jake Linney to start the ninth. However, the sophomore left-hander got David Adams to ground into a 6-4-3 double play. He pushed the count full to Greg Feltes before issuing a walk. That keyed head coach Rodney Hennon to bring in closer Steve Cogswell.

Hegave up a double to Adam Deleo putting the tying runs in scoring position. Roly Gonzalez walked to load the bases. Jeremy Roulin tied the game on Cogswell's first pitch, a 2-run single to left. Ahead in the count 1-0, Chris Mason brought home the winning run with a single to left center.

Cogswell (6-2) saw his five-game winning streak end. Officially he gave up two runs on three hits. Lairsey, who came within one out of his third career complete game, allowed two runs on five hits. He walked four and struck out one. Lairsey faced no more than

four batters in six of the first eight innings.

GSU jumped on the board in the first. Logan Phillips doubled, then two batters later scored on Greg Dowling's RBI single. That extended Dowling's hitting streak to 11 games.

Brent Stephens kept UNCG from tying the game in the fifth. Deleo doubled with one out, then Danny McClure singled to right. Deleo tried scoring, but Stephens nailed him at the plate, preserving the shutout.

In the seventh, Dowling singled to lead off. He advanced to second on Brett Pelfrey's sacrifice bunt then scored on Derrick Smith's RBI double. Stephens lined his second triple in the series, easily scoring Smith with two outs.

Jason Hurst, Dowling and Pelfrey had two hits apiece. The Eagles held a 9-8 advantage in hits.

Deleo led the Spartans with three hits. Wes McCall did not allow a run over the final 2.1 innings, improving to 4-1 overall. Starter Adam Krieger allowed three runs on seven hits, walking one and striking out two.

UNCG (20-10, 10-5) travels to Wake Forest this Wednesday for a 3 p.m. game. The Eagles stay on the road, traveling to Mercer on Tuesday night (April 12), game times scheduled for 6 p.m.

Foster leads blue squad to victory 26-21

Eagle fans get a glimpse of what is to come for the 2005 football season

By Eric Powell

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The quest for a seventh National Championship unofficially began Saturday at Paulson Stadium as the Eagle football team played their annual Blue/White Spring Game.

Although spring football games are usually marred with penalties and generally sloppy play, this preview of the Georgia Southern squad left fans feeling very optimistic for the upcoming season.

Quarterback Jayson Foster remained atop Coach Mike Sewak's tentative depth chart with his impressive play leading the Blue squad.

Foster and the rest of the GSU quarterbacks were marked by their red jerseys and were unable to be tackled by the opposing team.

However, despite his advantage of being "off-limits", Foster had several long runs where White team defenders were unable to even lay one hand on him.

"It was very competitive out here today," Foster said. "I think we're going to be alright this season, and we'll have a shot to take it all the way."

The sophomore paced the way for his Blue team with 112 yards rushing and a pair of touchdown runs of 52 and 23 yards respectively.

Junior fullback Lance Turner had an equally impressive day for the Blue team with his game-high 121 yards on 13 carries including the eventual game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

For the White squad running back, Jermaine Austin reminded fans of what had made him known as one of the most feared backs in the Southern Conference returning to his pre-injury form of a year ago.

The senior had 96 yards for the game.



LaVene Bell-Koepeke/STAFF

GSU fullback Jermaine Austin rushes for a touchdown in the Blue and White game.

Teammate Raja Andrews matched Austin's yardage total, most of which coming on a 65 yard touchdown run early in the third quarter.

But those in attendance at Paulson Saturday were also treated to some late game dramatics as the Blue team was forced to defend their goal line

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-Jayson Foster, GSU quarterback

"I'm just hoping I can work my way into the rotation," Andrews said. "D (White quarterback Darius Smiley) set me up with a nice pitch (on the 65 yard run) and the rest of the offense did their jobs; I just had to run with the ball."

The game's purpose was to help the players execute in a game-type situation while giving fans a glimpse of the team's future potential.

late in the fourth quarter to preserve their 26-21 victory.

On fourth and goal from the one the White squad decided to try a quarterback sneak with Smiley, who was denied just shy of the endzone.

"Overall I'm glad to see that no one got seriously injured," junior defensive lineman Brian Kranz said. "As a team, we are a little inconsistent right now. We'll go out and have a great day at

practice and then turn around and not play as well as we can."

With the team working towards their eventual goal of succeeding during the regular season, these scrimmages and practices will go a long way in helping the players gel as a team.

"One of the things I saw was the D (defense) rise up to the occasion," Sewak said. "I'm starting to see a little bit of mental toughness."

As the Eagles continue on their quest for more postseason glory, their preseason work will help build a foundation for the fall of 2005.

Senior safety A.J. Bryant may have summed up the team's collective goal and mindset working towards the regular season.

"My goal is to take Georgia Southern back to where we deserve to be-back on top."

Asian-Pacific Culture Week Taiko Drum Performers April 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Russell Union Rotunda



Monday, April 11

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Workshop
Russell Union - Room 2064

Jeff Pate, Coordinator, Strategy
Workshop & Exchange Programs in
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Tuesday, April 12

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11:00 a.m.
Russell Union - Room 2062

"Tracing Red Shale"

Dr. Michelle Zima "Biology Dept."
Foster, Sew, Turner
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1:00 a.m., Russell Union - Room
2062

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discuss & answer questions

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Eagles topple Mountaineers 4-3

GSU Athletic Media Relations

BOONE, NC - Bouncing back from a loss to the SoCon leaders one day earlier, the Georgia Southern men's tennis team rebounded on Sunday to win a 4-3 decision against Appalachian State. With the win, the Eagles broke a three-match losing streak and improved to 3-5 in the SoCon.

The match began with GSU claiming what turned out to be a critical point by winning two of the three doubles matches. The Eagles took the 1-0 lead by getting wins at the first and third positions. Vincent Patry and Danie Van den Heever defeated Alex Probst and Andrew Taylor 8-5 at No. 1, and Tom Green and Charles-Henri Trotter picked up an 8-5 decision against Ryan Brookshaw and Robert Hogewood. GSU did not miss a sweep by much, as their only loss came at No. 2 where Lasha Janashia and Germano Knorr suffered a narrow 9-7 loss to Dimitar Dimitrov and Andrew Waters.

Four of the singles matches were decided in straight sets as the two teams split the quartet of contests. The Eagles picked up wins at No. 3 and No. 6. Janashia won at the third spot, downing Brookshaw 6-1, 6-2 while Green triumphed

against Zack Williams at the sixth slot, winning 7-5, 6-2. The Mountaineers put two points on the board with wins by Waters at No. 4 (6-2, 6-3 vs. Knorr) and Taylor at No. 5 (6-1, 6-2 vs. Trotter).

Needing one more point to close out the match, the Eagles had to win one of the final two matches. At No. 1, Van den Heever fought back to win the second set of his match against Probst and force a deciding third set, but ultimately lost. Head coach Justin Miles' recent decision to flip the positions of Van den Heever and Patry paid off, however, when Patry fought through three tight sets to clinch the match with his 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 win over Dimitar Dimitrov at the second slot. The win was Patry's second in a row as the 2003 SoCon Freshman of the Year looks to be regaining his form.

The win Sunday improves GSU's overall record to 4-15 and they climb to 3-5 in conference action. Appalachian State falls to 7-12 overall with a 3-5 mark against SoCon foes. The Eagles have one more road test awaiting them, as they prepare for a Saturday, April 16 date at Chattanooga. Following that match, they will return to Statesboro and play host to Davidson at noon on Sunday, April 17 in their regular season finale.

Master of his domain

Tiger Woods wins his fourth green jacket in Augusta this Sunday

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Tiger Woods is the Masters champion once again, turning back a surprising challenge Sunday with a shot of sheer magic and a birdie putt to win a playoff he never expected.

A spectacular finish of birdies and bogeys finally ended when Woods produced the most important shot of all - a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to capture his fourth green jacket and finally put away the gritty Chris DiMarco.

Woods knew it was over when the ball was a foot from the hole, taking two steps to the left as a smile broke out on his face and his right fist punched the air with fury.

Everything else about this Masters was up in the air to the very end.

First came the most improbable birdie on the par-3 16th, when Woods skipped his chip shot up the slope and watched it crawl 25 feet down to the cup, where it paused for 2 full seconds before dropping.

Then came an even bigger surprise. The greatest closer in golf looked like a first-timer at Augusta National, making a mess out of the last two holes to finish with two bogeys and allow DiMarco one more chance.

Woods made sure that was all he got.

DiMarco again came up short of the green, and chipped up for a tap-in par. He took his hat off and ran his hand through his hair, crouched and kept looking up at Woods and down at his feet, afraid to watch, perhaps knowing what was about to happen.

When the ball disappeared, DiMarco walked slowly to Woods to



Elise Amendola/AP Photo

Tiger Woods reacts to winning the 2005 Masters in a playoff with Chris DiMarco on the 18th hole during final round play of the tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Sunday, April 10.

congratulate him.

Woods closed with a 1-under 71 and won for the second time in

a playoff at a major. The Masters gave him nine majors in his career, halfway home to the standard set by

Jack Nicklaus.

But this didn't look like the same guy who won his first eight majors.

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Rodney Hennon, "you can take all the measures you want, but if an individual is determined to use, then they're still going to do it."

On GSU's campus, the testing has merely been an added deterrent to using performance-enhancing drugs.

Hennon and Athletic Director Sam Baker both said they could not recall steroids ever being a problem

here at GSU.

"We haven't had a case that I know of since I started here nine years ago. I think kids today are realizing that steroids aren't good for them," said Baker.

"We encourage all of our student-athletes that they don't need to take any supplements, especially without consulting the coaches or trainers," Hennon said.

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will be working in accordance with student leadership and parent organizations to propose a new plan. There are two possible options at this point.

One option would be the mandatory plan in which every student would have to have it regardless of whether they are on another plan or not.

The other would be to propose a waiver enrollment plan. This would mean that all students that enroll are automatically put on the school's plan.

If the student is already under a plan, then he or she would have the option of waiving out the school's plan.

If a student is not under a plan, then it would be mandatory for he or she to pay for the school's plan. This way, every student is insured.

According to Ferguson, this may seem inconvenient, but it is worth it because you never know when you might need it. "We don't want to have mandatory fees, but it is the right thing to do," said Ferguson.

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